Technical Institutes in SC/ST dominated areas

2036. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up technical institutes in the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes dominated areas in the country especially in Tamil Nadu during the next financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI) (a) and (b) Ministry of Human Resource Development is formulating a scheme for setting up of new polytechnics. Details regarding their number and location will be decided while finalising the scheme.

Professional and Engineering Institutions

†2037. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of the Professional and Engineering institutions have been increased by Government during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the target fixed for establishment of such institutions in the different States during 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) A State-wise Statement in respect of 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 indicating the increase in the number of engineering degree colleges is given in the Statements (*See* below).

(c) No targets are fixed in this regard. The approval for establishment of new technical institutes is granted subject to the fulfilment of norms and standards and as per the prescribed procedure.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.